



January 28, 2003

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Importance of Urgent Resolution of the Status of the Commission's Line Sharing Rules, CC Docket Nos. 01-338, 98-147, and 96-98

Dear Chairman Powell:

The Competitive Telecommunications Association ("CompTel") believes that it is critically important, in order to avoid the potential for service disruptions in the broadband economy, that the Commission reach a decision regarding the status of its line sharing rules prior to the expiration of the D.C. Circuit's temporary stay of its *vacatur* order on February 20, 2003. CompTel's members, who provide DSL service to business and residential consumers via the high-frequency portion of the loop to ILEC voice customers, are in many cases wholesale providers to third-party independent Internet service providers. It is vitally important to these unregulated commercial enterprises, as well as the end-user customers they serve, that the Commission provide assurance, by February 20th, that these service arrangements will continue to be viable into the future. Thank you in advance for your cooperation on this important issue to CompTel and broadband consumers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Russell Frisby, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

H. Russell Frisby, Jr.
President